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R 050430Z AUG 75EZ

FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2345

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

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SUBJECT : MODE - AGRICULTURE/FAS PROPOSAL TO ASSIGN AN  
AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA  
BEGINNING FY 77

REFERENCE : STATE 181323

1. AS EMBASSY REPORTING ON RESULTS OF TWO AGRICULTURAL TRADE  
MISSIONS THIS YEAR INDICATES, BAHRAIN IS AN INTERESTING AND  
GROWING MARKET FOR U.S. FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND  
OUR TRADE PROMOTION EFFORT WOULD BENEFIT FROM OCCASIONAL  
VISIT OF A REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE. AS DEPARTMENT  
AWARE, MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE OF BAHRAIN TO U.S. IN GULF IS NOT  
BAHRAIN'S ATTRACTION AS A MARKET ITSELF BUT ITS RELATIVE  
DESIRABILITY AS A BASE FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. EXCEPT FOR  
HOUSING PROBLEMS (NOTABLY HIGH RENTAL COSTS), U.S. BUSINESS  
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COMMUNITY APPEARS TO CONTINUE TO REGARD BAHRAIN AS THE BEST

SPOT IN THE GULF FOR REGIONAL OPERATIONS. BAHRAIN'S LOCATION IS CENTRAL IN THE GULF, AND HAS THE BEST AIRLINE AND TELEPHONE/TELEX COMMUNICATIONS. WESTERNERS HAVE BEEN CULTURALLY AT EASE AND WELCOME FOR MANY YEARS.

2. IN CASE OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO ARGUE THAT HE SHOULD BE PLACED IN MANAMA RATHER THAN KUWAIT SINCE HE WILL HAVE SOM MUCH MORE TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITY IN KUWAIT THAN IN BAHRAIN ITSELF.

3. AS OUR RECENT POLICY ASSESSMENT (MANAMA A-6, MARCH 11, 1975) INDICATES, IN THOSE FEW CASES IN WHICH EMBASSY IS PERSUADED OF UTILITY OF REGIONAL GULF ATTACHE ACTIVITIES (AND THIS IS ONE), IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT PLACEMENT OF A REGIONAL OFFICER IN THIS SMALL EMBASSY WOULD BE PART OF A PACKAGE IN WHICH HE BROUGHT, IN EFFECT, HIS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT. HE WOULD NEED AT LEAST TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES (DRIVER AND SECRETARY) AND SAS COSTS SHOULD REFLECT NEED FOR PERHAPS AN ADDITIONAL EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE LOCAL TO SUPPORT HIS OPERATIONS. SAS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO PAY FOR OFFICE SPACE (EITHER RENTAL COMMERCIAL OFFICES OR PREFERABLY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PREFABRICATED ADDITION TO NEW CHANCERY). WITH SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE SUCH OFFICER BY BEGINNING FY 77.

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